

FEEDBACK: ONLINE SESSIONS

MICHAEL SALMON, AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR

50 YEARS
Writing and
Illustrating
Books for
Young People



50 YEARS
Visiting
Australian
Primary
Schools

***50th ANNIVERSARY: 1972 - 2022**



FROM: Teacher/Librarians, Staff, Students, Parents

RIVERWALK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WERRIBEE, VICTORIA
5th & 7th OCTOBER 2022

Thank you so much for meeting our Students and Staff last week – they all had a fabulous time engaging with you online and loved your sessions!

P Spencer, Principal

Today our Year 3/4 Students participated in 2 of Michael Salmon's Online School Sessions. These sessions included each learning group drawing cartoons, and even learning how to caricature each other! The students had a fantastic time listening to all of Michael's amazing adventures he had writing and illustrating 176 books!

Year 5/6 Students have 2 sessions on Friday.

The kids absolutely loved it and I loved that they got to share an experience that I also had as a kid, thank you Michael!

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BOOK WEEK 2022 (+ weeks before and after)

Many thanks for your presentation yesterday. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed it.
If you can keep Kindergarten entertained for an hour that says everything!
All the best, Marlene
Teacher Librarian, Newbridge Heights Public School, Sydney

Thank you for engaging us in online storytelling and art this afternoon.
It was a wonderful way to finish our Book Week celebrations!
Warmest regards, Karen
Assistant Principal, McAuley Catholic Primary School, Sydney

I've had our seniors through our library all lunch asking to borrow Salmon books
and talking about how much they enjoyed this morning's writing workshops.
It was such a pleasure to host you (virtually) at Amaroo School. The senior students
had a fantastic time and really latched on to your process for writing and caricaturing.
It's really quite astounding how you hold their attention for so long.
Kind regards, Anna
Inspire Centre Library Leader, Amaroo School, ACT

Thank you very much Michael for your love and devotion you show the students.
They very much enjoyed the presentation and are definitely ecstatic at how you do your
illustrations as well as your story.
Regards, Roohi
Teacher Librarian, Marayong South PS, Sydney

Thank you for today, Michael.
It was fabulous and what fantastic drawings you led the children to do!
Regards Anne
Literacy Leader, Sacred Heart Primary School, Yea, VIC

Logan Council Libraries, Queensland – Holiday Program, September 2022

"Michael Salmon's session today was absolutely awesome – a very entertaining and engaging online session! The children drew some wonderful dinosaurs and Michael kept them engaged and interested throughout the session and he was very inspiring and encouraging to all the attendees, it was really wonderful!"



Wednesday, 1st December, 2021

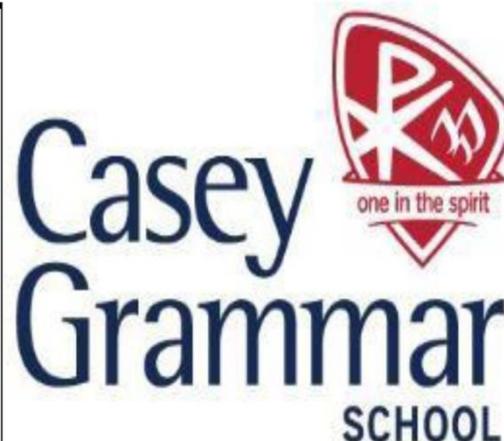
"Dear Michael,

Thank you for visiting with us remotely for Book Week.

The students thoroughly enjoyed seeing you and your drawings, and you gave them and the staff many laughs. Please find enclosed the pictures of you drawn by Alarice and Michelle. Cameron also asked me to include a picture he drew of you, as 'revenge' for the picture you drew of him. You had him in stitches as you drew him.

Four other staff members remembered you from their primary school days, and were delighted to see you again"

Kind regards, Mrs R B, Library Technician,
Casey Grammar School. Cranbourne, VIC.



Thursday 21st October, 2021

"Awesome! Thanks Michael,

Absolutely brilliant session and lots of positive feedback.

Great to catch up and meet you"

Matthew Mullins, Assistant Principal

St Joseph's Primary School, North Goulburn, NSW



LAST ONLINE SCHOOL VISITED, TERM 3, 16/09/2021

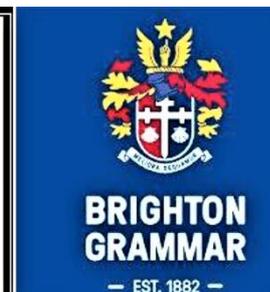
"Thank you Michael,

Both the Year 3 and Year 4 boys and staff said they loved your presentations.

They thoroughly enjoyed the storytelling and creating the cartoons.

We really appreciate you brightening the day for our students especially during these challenging times. I wish you and your family the very best and hope we all can soon enjoy some happier times again out of lockdown"

Kind regards, Mrs J D, Teaching and Learning Coordinator for the Junior School,
Brighton Grammar, Melbourne.



Friday 8th October 2021

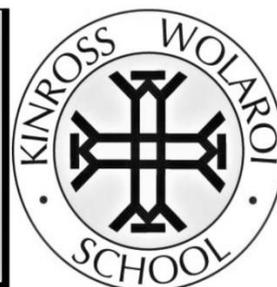
"Thank you Michael for such a fun day. The children have had so much fun.

The effort you have gone to, to ensure the children have been able to participate and enjoy your session is above and beyond! The children have all left the school buzzing!!

You are such an amazing, creative person – thank you for being so friendly and enjoyable for the children"

Kind Regards, Lisa Pengilly

Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange, NSW



Cartoons from the online session: Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange, NSW. 08/10/2021



This is an engaging hour where the kids can interact with Michael in a fun session via Zoom or Webex. We did it during term 4 last year for our whole school and the kids loved it.
(and so did all the teachers!)

Mrs K S

2021 Facebook comment

That was awesome!!!

Mrs J S, Principal of St Patrick's Primary School, Tongala, Vic
2/09/2021

Hi Michael,

Just wanted to thank you for your fantastic sessions today, the kids and teachers thought it was great. We were worried how they would go on a virtual meeting for an hour and we were really impressed that you kept them engaged for the whole time.

What a wonderful achievement to have been doing this so successfully for so long! I have to say our kids (mid-twenties now) grew up on your books and I use them all the time in my teaching so I was really thrilled to see your promotional session ad!

Keep up the great work and hope to see you in another 20 years!

Cheers,

Mrs K S

Hi Michael,

Thank you so much for your time yesterday. I have spoken to many of the teachers and students and they had a great time! We had some kids that were drawing your characters with you from your first drawing. Thank you for this Bobo colouring picture I have passed it on to all the teachers involved yesterday.

Kind Regards,

Mrs M G

(MS note: This was a Western Suburbs, Sydney School, who had never had an Author visit before, either online or 'live')

Hi Michael

Thank you so much for your presentation yesterday.

There was a lot of positive feedback from teachers and students alike.

I did pop in for a bit and I was very impressed with your talents.

Again thank you so much and all the best for a wonderful week of presentations

Cheers

Mrs D Mc N

Thank you so much for your time today Michael.

The Students really enjoyed themselves and Lincoln, Grace and Patryk went back to their classes and showed off their artwork.

Patryk has been inspired and is going to draw his Brother after school. Lincoln would like to make copies of his drawings and sell them at the school... a future entrepreneur!

Kind Regards,

R T

Library Officer, Baler Primary School

South Hedland, WA (31/03/2021)

Thanks Michael.

That was fantastic. The kids loved it.

Take care.

Kind Regards,

Mrs L C

Thanks so much Michael, the students had an absolute ball and so many smiles!

Sorry to cut you off at the end, I wanted to jump in so we get do a big thank you for your session- it was great!

Enjoy the long weekend

Mrs M L

FUN 'LOCK-DOWN SESSIONS' 2021 BOOK-WEEK



Remote/Home-Schooling feedback:

"Hi Michael,

We loved your show today thank you so much.

See attached photo comment from a mum.

You are magic. So funny, love the history and so Australian"

Kind Regards, Sue Leighton- Janse

Principal, Mordialloc Beach Primary School (BOOK WEEK 26/08/2021)



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**"Your online visit was an absolute pleasure Michael.**

I had further feedback from the staff on Tuesday afternoon and it was all very positive. One teacher mentioned that the classes he took after your visit **were 'buzzing' and the students were uplifted.**

Thank you so much Michael – **the sessions were magnificent!"**

*Melanie P. Literacy Teacher*

*St Raphael's Primary School, Melbourne (BOOK WEEK 24/08/2021)*

"Thank you Michael. **Those were great sessions"**

Mrs Sandra P,

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Primary, Melbourne (BOOK WEEK 27/08/2021)*

**Greater Dandenong Libraries.**

Dear Michael,

Thank you for being part of our 2020 Children’s Book Week Celebrations.

Our team has found you a pleasure to work with and we were pleased to have you in our program. Your presentation was informative and engaging.

You dealt with technical issues very well and you crafted an engaging presentation within the limits of the platform.

I have heard many reports of the students’ (and adults’) enjoyment of your caricatures!

I am sure many more children are now more confident in their own drawing and writing after your encouragement and demonstration.

All the best and warmest regards, Trent and Dionyy

Thanks Michael,

Feedback our end is they were great however students had a heap of questions for you.

Can you please take out one of your fabulous stories to allow time for questions from our Grade Threes next Friday?

Kind Regards

Ms J J

Hi Michael,

Just wanted to touch base with you about our session last Thursday, there has been lots of talk about your session and how people enjoyed it. As I’d mentioned before, both myself and another staff member has seen you ‘live and in the flesh’ previously and were really looking forward to the same high levels of engagement and interaction.

As we know, this can be very difficult to maintain via a screen.

Kind regards

Mrs A D (Principal)

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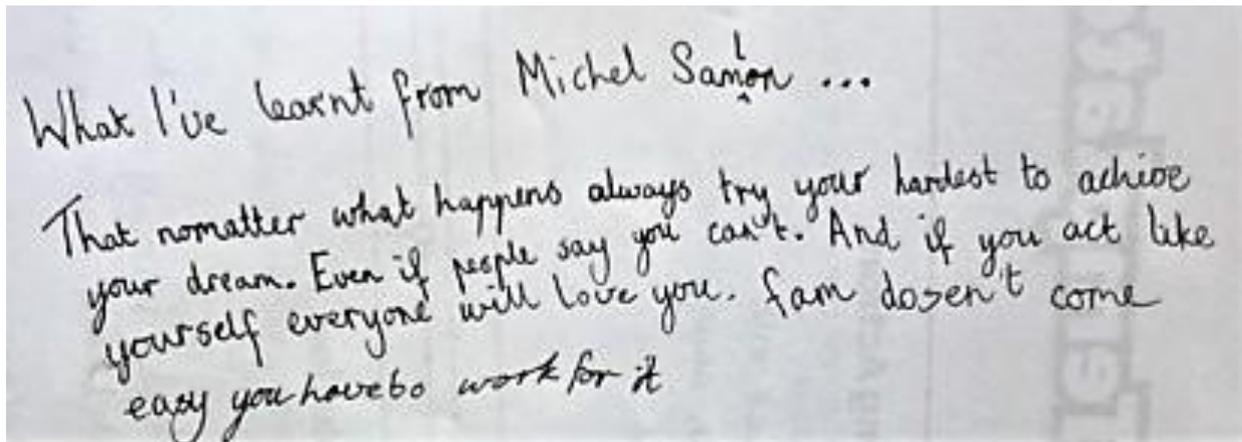
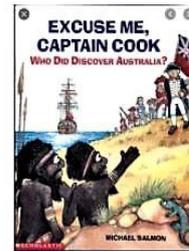
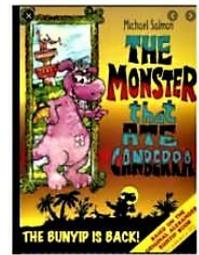
**Year 5/6 Students**

- Michael Salmon is a great and funny author and illustrator. It was great to meet him and I had a great time.
- We learnt that Michael Salmon was a very good illustrator; writer and he had a very kind and funny personality. He had a dog called Bobo which was his inspiration for his book Bobo the Super dog.
- He was inspired by the book, ‘Where the wild things are’, as he wanted his drawings to be exactly like the drawings in the book.
- Michael Salmon speaks nicely, and is always very calm. He is really good at talking to children.

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I learnt that if you have enough creativity you can do anything. I also learnt creativity can be shown through many different things, like music, art, drama or writing. Another thing that I learnt was to never stop being creative, whether you're at work, school, home or anywhere else, never stop.

Michael Salmon gets his inspiration from his family and pets. Michael used stories from his families or pets for his books. Michael became an illustrator because he loved drawing cartoons. He did stories with monsters from a book called 'Where the wild things are.' I like Michael Salmon because he is humorous and likes children.



### Years 3/4

Thank you so much Michael, the students really enjoyed that session. I was wondering if you were able to send through a photo of your drawn Bobo. One of the students missed that bit due to bad internet and she would love to have a go at drawing it.

Thank you once again!

Ms. F and the Year 3 & 4 students

### Years 1/2

Thank you so much for the great session yesterday.

The students really loved meeting a 'real, live' author and illustrator. ☺

Today we have had a lot of fun today trying to draw some of your book characters.

Many thanks again

Regards

Ms. L

### Preps/Foundation

Subject: Thankyou on behalf of the Preps.

Hi Michael,

The Prep teachers and the Prep students would love to pass on a big THANKYOU for today's incursion!

It was so lovely hearing your stories, looking at your books, amazing, creative and talented drawings!

The kids really loved getting involved and drawing their own pictures!

I saw some 'interesting' interpretations of Bobo (mine included)!

We hope you had a lovely time virtually visiting the Prep students.

We look forward to working with you again in future,

Ms. R & the Prep Team

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## ONLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS



\* Fun, Creative, Interactive, School sessions for ALL Primary Grades-Years